



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Confirmation No: 8971

Tetsuya MINO

Attorney Docket No: 100186-00020

Serial Number: 10/687,643

Group Art Unit: 3729

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Examiner: Paul D. KIM

For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. BOX 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 2, 2006

Sir:

Coupled with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination and Petition for Extension of Time, the Applicant requests that, prior to initial examination, the above-identified application be amended as shown below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.